

reject a year from now, or when it is completed, but at this point, it does provide all the kind of possible use of these antiques for display purposes that now we can only speculate about.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senator Langford.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I guess I will have to rise to oppose this amendment. I think that Senator Schmit should have gone through a public hearing to air all these questions that people have. I don't think that we need to be putting this type of money into a museum without a hearing. I realize that 38,000 isn't that much, but as we get down, this is only the first step, and I think when you are going to look at 38,000, I have no problem with that, but I think it would be much higher down the line. We had a hearing on our antique farm machinery exhibit for a museum and I think this is the same route that Senator Schmit should have taken. We set up a foundation to use grants and also some donations, and I think this is the route that maybe Senator Schmit should be looking at, rather than state funds for something like this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford, Senator Lowell Johnson on deck.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Mr. President, colleagues, you can all think I am standing up to support something that costs money but I would like to ask Senator Schmit a question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, would you respond.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Langford.

SENATOR LANGFORD: Will the owner of the artifacts be donating them to the state?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Bongers has in the past, Senator Langford, offered, in fact, the collection to the City of David City if they would build a building to house the collection but, very honestly, David City, we being with very little resources up there, didn't feel that the city could assume that kind of responsibility, but Mr. Bongers is interested in donating the museum artifacts to an entity, and he is very interested in the